

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate confirmed the nomination of Sonny Perdue, of Georgia, to be Secretary of Agriculture.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2473–S2498

Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 912–924, and S. Res. 135–137. **Pages S2490–91**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Summary of Legislative and Oversight Activities During the 114th Congress”. (S. Rept. No. 115–33)

S. 188, to prohibit the use of Federal funds for the costs of painting portraits of officers and employees of the Federal Government. (S. Rept. No. 115–28)

S. 500, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to make the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security for Health Affairs responsible for coordinating the efforts of the Department of Homeland Security related to food, agriculture, and veterinary defense against terrorism. (S. Rept. No. 115–29)

S. 576, to amend title 5, United States Code, to extend certain protections against prohibited personnel practices. (S. Rept. No. 115–30)

H.R. 274, to provide for reimbursement for the use of modern travel services by Federal employees traveling on official Government business. (S. Rept. No. 115–31)

H.R. 366, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the Under Secretary for Management of the Department of Homeland Security to make certain improvements in managing the Department’s vehicle fleet, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 115–32) **Page S2490**

Appointments:

Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority and Democratic Leaders of the Senate and the Speaker and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, pursuant to Section 301 of Public Law 104–1, as amended by

Public Law 108–349, Public Law 114–6, and as further amended by Public Law 115–19, announced the joint re-appointment of the following individuals as members of the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance: Barbara Childs Wallace of Mississippi, Alan V. Friedman of California, Susan S. Robfogel of New York, Barbara L. Camens of the District of Columbia, and Roberta L. Holzwarth of Illinois.

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Acosta Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration the nomination of R. Alexander Acosta, of Florida, to be Secretary of Labor. **Page S2479**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Rod J. Rosenstein, of Maryland, to be Deputy Attorney General. **Page S2479**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S2478**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S2479**

Rosenstein Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Rod J. Rosenstein, of Maryland, to be Deputy Attorney General. **Page S2482**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 92 yeas to 6 nays (Vote No. 113), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S2481–82**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, April 25, 2017, with the time until 12:30 p.m., equally divided in the usual form; and that all time during adjournment, recess, morning business and Leader remarks count post-cloture on the nomination. **Page S2497**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 87 yeas 11 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. EX. 112), Sonny Perdue, of Georgia, to be Secretary of Agriculture. **Pages S2475–78, S2479–81**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Elaine McCusker, of Virginia, to be a Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense.

Adam Lerrick, of Wyoming, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury.

Brent James McIntosh, of Michigan, to be General Counsel for the Department of the Treasury.

David James Glawe, of Iowa, to be Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis, Department of Homeland Security.

Vishal J. Amin, of Michigan, to be Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator, Executive Office of the President.

Noel J. Francisco, of the District of Columbia, to be Solicitor General of the United States.

3 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

45 Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Army, Marine Corps, and Navy. **Pages S2497–98**

Messages from the House: **Page S2490**

Enrolled Bills Presented: **Page S2490**

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Additional Statements: **Page S2487**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—113) **Pages S2481, S2482**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 6:53 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 25, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2497.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 1 public bill, H.R. 2115; was introduced. **Page H2816**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H2816**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1372, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to ensure that the needs of children are considered in homeland security planning, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–92, Part 1); and

H.R. 1694, to require additional entities to be subject to the requirements of section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act), and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–93). **Page H2816**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Comstock to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2815**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. Vincent DeRosa, St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Washington, DC.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no yea-and-nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D414)

H.J. Res. 43, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the final rule submitted by Secretary of Health and Human Services relating to compliance with title X requirements by project recipients in selecting subrecipients. Signed on April 13, 2017. (Public Law 115–23)

H.J. Res. 67, disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to savings arrangements established by qualified State political subdivisions for non-governmental employees. Signed on April 13, 2017. (Public Law 115–24)

H.R. 353, to improve the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's weather research through a focused program of investment on affordable and attainable advances in observational, computing, and modeling capabilities to support substantial improvement in weather forecasting and prediction of high impact weather events, to expand commercial opportunities for the provision of weather data. Signed on April 18, 2017. (Public Law 115–25)

S. 544, to amend the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 to modify the termination date for the Veterans Choice Program. Signed on April 19, 2017. (Public Law 115–26)

S.J. Res. 30, providing for the reappointment of Steve Case as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution. Signed on April 19, 2017. (Public Law 115–27)

S.J. Res. 35, providing for the appointment of Michael Govan as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution. Signed on April 19, 2017. (Public Law 115–28)

S.J. Res. 36, providing for the appointment of Roger W. Ferguson as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution. Signed on April 19, 2017. (Public Law 115–29)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2017

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, to hold hearings to examine United States assistance for Egypt, 2:15 p.m., SD–124.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine policy and strategy in the Asia-Pacific, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to consider an original resolution waiving certain provisions of the Trade Act of 1974 relating to the appointment of the United States Trade Representative, and the nomination of Robert Lighthizer, of Florida, to be United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the crisis in Libya, focusing on next steps and United States policy options, 9:45 a.m., SD–419.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine intellectual property, focusing on making our lives healthier, safer, and more productive, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:15 p.m., SH–219.

Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

House

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 1694, the “Fannie and Freddie Open Records Act of 2017”; and H.R. 1695, the “Register of Copyrights Selection and Accountability Act of 2017”, 5 p.m., H–313 Capitol.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of April 25 through April 28, 2017

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Rod J. Rosenstein, of Maryland, to be Deputy Attorney General, post-cloture.

Upon disposition of the nomination of Rod J. Rosenstein, of Maryland, to be Deputy Attorney General, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of R. Alexander Acosta, of Florida, to be Secretary of Labor.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: April 25, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, to hold hearings to examine United States assistance for Egypt, 2:15 p.m., SD–124.

April 26, Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine a review of National Guard and Reserve programs and readiness, 10:30 a.m., SD–192.

April 27, Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine preventing veteran suicide, 10:30 a.m., SD–124.

Committee on Armed Services: April 25, to hold hearings to examine policy and strategy in the Asia-Pacific, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

April 27, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine United States Pacific Command and United States Forces Korea, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

April 27, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, to hold hearings to examine cyber-enabled information operations, 2:30 p.m., SR–222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: April 27, to hold hearings to examine countering Russia, focusing on further assessing options for sanctions, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: April 26, to hold hearings to examine reopening the American frontier, focusing on reducing regulatory barriers and expanding American free enterprise in space, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: April 27, to hold hearings to examine H.R. 339, to amend Public Law 94-241 with respect to the Northern Mariana Islands, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: April 26, to hold hearings to examine the technical, scientific, and legal basis of the Waters of the United States Rule, 10:15 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: April 25, business meeting to consider an original resolution waiving certain provisions of the Trade Act of 1974 relating to the appointment of the United States Trade Representative, and the nomination of Robert Lighthizer, of Florida, to be United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: April 25, to hold hearings to examine the crisis in Libya, focusing on next steps and United States policy options, 9:45 a.m., SD-419.

April 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Tulinabo Salama Mushingi, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Senegal, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea-Bissau, and Todd Philip Haskell, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Congo, both of the Department of State, 1:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: April 26, business meeting to consider S. 652, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize a program for early detection, diagnosis, and treatment regarding deaf and hard-of-hearing newborns, infants, and young children, S. 849, to support programs for mosquito-borne and other vector-borne disease surveillance and control, an original bill entitled, "National Clinical Care Commission Act", an original bill entitled, "Protecting Patient Access to Emergency Medications Act", and the nomination of Scott Gottlieb, of Connecticut, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: April 26, to hold hearings to examine duplication, waste, and fraud in Federal programs, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: April 25, to hold hearings to examine intellectual property, focusing on making our lives healthier, safer, and more productive, 10 a.m., SD-226.

April 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Amul R. Thapar, of Kentucky, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, and Makan Delrahim, of California, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: April 26, to hold hearings to examine the challenges and opportunities of running a small business in rural America, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

Select Committee on Intelligence: April 25, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:15 p.m., SH-219.

April 25, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

April 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Courtney Elwood, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Central Intelligence Agency, 10 a.m., SD-106.

April 27, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: April 27, to hold hearings to examine aging without community, focusing on the consequences of isolation and loneliness, 9:45 a.m., SH-216.

House Committees

Committee on Appropriations, April 26, Subcommittee on Defense, oversight hearing on U.S. Pacific Command, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol. This hearing will be closed.

Committee on Armed Services, April 26, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Military Assessment of the Security Challenges in the Indo-Asia-Pacific Region", 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

April 26, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, hearing entitled "Creating a Flexible and Effective Information Technology Management and Acquisition System: Elements for Success in a Rapidly Changing Landscape", 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

April 27, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Member Day", 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

April 27, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing entitled "Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder/Traumatic Brain Injury", 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

April 28, Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, hearing entitled "Amphibious Warfare in a Contested Environment", 8 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, April 26, Full Committee, markup of H.R. 1180, the "Working Families Flexibility Act of 2017", 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

April 27, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Strengthening Accreditation to Better Protect Students and Taxpayers" 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, April 26, Subcommittee on Environment, hearing on "Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 2017", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

April 27, Subcommittee on Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled "Outdoor Recreation: Vast Impact of the Great Outdoors", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, April 26, Full Committee, hearing entitled "A Legislative Proposal to Create Hope and Opportunity for Investors, Consumers, and Entrepreneurs", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

April 27, Subcommittee on Terrorism and Illicit Finance, hearing entitled "Safeguarding the Financial System from Terrorist Financing", 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, April 26, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled "The Questionable Case for Easing Sudan Sanctions", 2:30 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

April 26, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing entitled "China's Technological Rise: Challenges to U.S. Innovation and Security", 2:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

April 27, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Syria After the Missile Strikes: Policy Options”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

April 27, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, hearing entitled “Afghanistan’s Terrorist Resurgence: Al-Qaeda, ISIS, and Beyond”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, April 27, Subcommittee on Transportation and Protective Security, hearing entitled “Checkpoint of the Future: Evaluating TSA’s Innovation Task Force Initiative”, 2 p.m., HVC–210.

Committee on the Judiciary, April 26, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Federal Bureau of Prisons and the U.S. Marshals Service”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, April 26, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 220, to authorize the expansion of an existing hydroelectric project, and for other purposes; H.R. 497, the “Santa Ana River Wash Plan Land Exchange Act”; H.R. 660, the “Bureau of Reclamation Transparency Act”; H.R. 1073, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish a structure for visitor services on the Arlington Ridge tract, in the area of the U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial, and for other purposes; H.R. 1135, to reauthorize the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Historic Preservation program; H.R. 1500, the “Robert Emmet Park Act of 2017”; H.R. 1654, the “Water Supply Permitting Coordination Act”; H.R. 1715, the “Medgar Evers House Study Act”; H.R. 1769, “San Luis Unit Drainage Resolution Act”; H.R. 1807, the “Public Water Supply Invasive Species Compliance Act of 2017”; H.R. 1873, the “Electricity Reliability and Forest Protection Act”; H.R. 1967, the “Bureau of Reclamation Pumped Storage Hydropower Development Act”; and H.R. 2085, to approve an agreement between the United States and the Republic of Palau, and for other purposes, 4 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

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Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, April 26, Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Affairs, hearing entitled “Unfunded Mandates: Examining Federally Imposed Burdens on State and Local Government”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

April 26, Subcommittee on Government Operations, hearing entitled “Reviewing the Unintended Consequences of the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

April 27, Subcommittee on National Security, hearing entitled, “The Border Wall: Strengthening our National Security”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, April 26, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Advances in the Search for Life”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, April 26, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Storm Watch: Making Sure SBA’s Disaster Loan Program is Prepared”, 11 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

April 27, Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax, and Capital Access, hearing entitled, “Small Business: The Key to Economic Growth”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, April 27, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, markup of pending legislation, 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, April 26, Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing entitled “Stopping Disability Fraud: Risk, Prevention, and Detection”, 10 a.m., 2020 Rayburn.

April 26, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing entitled “Examining the 2017 Tax Filing Season”, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: April 26, to hold hearings to examine democracy and human rights abuses in Russia, 9:30 a.m., SD–124.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, April 25

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Rod J. Rosenstein, of Maryland, to be Deputy Attorney General, post-cloture.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 p.m., Tuesday, April 25

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of the following measures under suspension of the Rules: (1) H. Con. Res. 35—Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers Memorial Service and the National Honor Guard and Pipe Band Exhibition; (2) H. Con. Res. 36—Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby; (3) H.R. 455—To designate the United States courthouse located at 501 East Court Street in Jackson, Mississippi, as the “R. Jess Brown United States Courthouse”; (4) S. 496—To repeal the rule issued by the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration entitled “Metropolitan Planning Organization Coordination and Planning Area Reform”; (5) H.R. 876—Aviation Employee Screening and Security Enhancement Act of 2017; (6) H.R. 1372—Homeland Security for Children Act; (7) H.R. 534—U.S. Wants to Compete for a World Expo Act; and (8) H. Res. 187—Relating to efforts to respond to the famine in South Sudan.

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

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